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# THE NORTH CAROLINA AWARDS





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## **MESSAGE FROM** THE GOVERNOR

The North Carolina Award is the highest honor our state can bestow. Created in 1961 by the General Assembly, the award is given annually to men and women who have made significant contributions in science, literature, fine arts, and public service.

On behalf of all North Carolinians I congratulate the 2000 award recipients for their outstanding achievements. We in North Carolina are grateful to these outstanding citizens for their leadership, service, and talent.

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### 37th North Carolina Awards

### **Dinner and Awards Presentation**

Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley November 27, 2000

#### Welcome

The Honorable Betty Ray McCain, Secretary North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

### Pledge of Allegiance

Captain D. R. Scheu United States Navy, Retired U.S.S. *North Carolina* Battleship Memorial Wilmington, North Carolina

#### Invocation

The Reverend Hope Morgan Ward Director of Connectional Ministries North Carolina Conference United Methodist Church Raleigh, North Carolina

### Entertainment

Oscar E. Velasco Raleigh, North Carolina

#### Remarks

Dr. Christopher C. Fordham III Chairman, North Carolina Awards Committee

### **Awards Presentation**

The Honorable James B. Hunt Jr., Governor State of North Carolina

Video Documentation Program Department of Cultural Resources

Centerpieces provided by Sandi's Florist Garner, North Carolina

Wine provided by:
Biltmore Estate Wine Company, Asheville, NC
Stephen Miller

## **PROGRAM**

# **PAST RECIPIENTS**

### 1964

John N. Couch Science

Inglis Fletcher

John Motley Morehead

Clarence Poe Public Service

Francis Speight

#### 1965

Frank P. Graham Public Service

Paul Green Literature

Gerald W. Johnson

Hunter Johnson
Fine Arts

Frederick A. Wolf

Science

#### 1966

Bernice Kelly Harris Literature

Luther H. Hodges Public Service

A. G. Odell, Jr.

Fine Arts
Oscar K. Rice
Science

#### 1970

Philip Handler Science

Frances Gray Patton

Henry C. Pearson

Terry Sanford Public Service

#### 1971

Guy Owen Literature

James H. Semans Fine Arts

rine Arts Marv Duke Biddle Trent

Semans Fine Arts

Capus Waynick Public Service

James Edwin Webb

Science

### 1972

Sidney Alderman Blackmer Fine Arts

Edward E. Davis, Jr. Science

John Ehle

William Dallas Herring

Public Service Harold Hotelling

Science

### 1976

Romare Bearden Fine Arts

C. Clark Cockerham Science

Foster Fitz-Simons Fine Arts

Juanita M. Kreps

Richard Walser Literature

# 1977

Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Public Service

Reginald Glennis Mitchiner Science

Reynolds Price Literature

Joseph Curtis Sloane Fine Arts

Jonathan Williams Fine Arts

### 1978

Robert Robey Garvey, Jr. Public Service

Henry L. Kamphoefner Fine Arts

David Coston Sabiston, Jr. Science

Harriet L. Tynes Public Service

Manly Wade Wellman Literature

### 1982

Selma Hortense Burke Fine Arts

Nancy Winbon Chase Public Service

Floyd W. Denny, Jr. Science

Willie Snow Ethridge Literature

R. Phillip Hanes, Jr. Fine Arts

### 1983

Heather Ross Miller Literature

Frank Guthrie Science

Mary Dalton Fine Arts

Harry Dalton Fine Arts

Hugh Morton Public Service

### 1984

George Watts Hill Public Service

Robert L. Hill Science

Maud Gatewood Fine Arts

Lee Smith Literature

Joseph Mitchell Literature

Andy Griffith Fine Arts

#### 1967

Albert Coates

Jonathan Daniels

Carl W. Gottschalk Science

Benjamin F. Swalin Fine Arts

Hiram Houston Merritt Science

### 1973

Helen Smith Bevington Literature

Ellis Brevier Cowling
Science

Burke Davis

Sam J. Ervin

Kenneth Ness

Fine Arts

### 1979

Archie K. Davis Public Service

John D. deButts Public Service

Harry Golden Literature

Walter Gordy Science

Sam Ragan Fine Arts

### 1985

J. Gordon Hanes, Jr. Public Service

Wilma Dykeman Literature

Irwin Fridovich

Claude F. Howell Fine Arts

### 1968

Robert Lee Humber

Hobson Pittman

Vermont C. Royster Literature

Charles Phillips Russell Literature

Literature Stanloy G. Stanhans

Stanley G. Stephens Science

### 1974

William C. Fields

Thad G. Stem, Jr. Literature

Ellen Black Winston Public Service

James B. Wyngaarden Science

### 1980

Fred Chappell Literature

George H. Hitchings Science

Robert Lindgren Fine Arts

Dan K. Moore Public Service

Jeanelle C. Moore Public Service

#### 1986

Joseph M. Bryan Public Service

Billy Graham Public Service

A. R. Ammons

Literature
Ernest L. Eliel
Science

Doc Watson Fine Arts

### 1969

Kenneth M. Brinkhous Science

May Gordon Latham Kellenberger Public Service

Ovid Williams Pierce Literature

Charles W. Stanford, Jr. Fine Arts

### 1975

Doris Betts Literature

John L. Etchells Science

William C. Friday Public Service

Robert Ward Fine Arts

### 1981

Adeline McCall Fine Arts

Glen Rounds Literature

Ralph H. Scott Public Service

Vivian T. Stannett Science

Tom Wicker

Literature

### 1987

John T. Caldwell Public Service

Charles Kuralt Public Service

Public Service

Maya Angelou

Literature

Robert J. Lefkowitz

Science

Harvey K. Littleton Fine Arts

1988	1989	1990
Edith London Fine Arts	Loonis McGlohon Fine Arts	Leon Rooke Literature
Pedro Cuatrecasas	Gertrude B. Elion	H. Keith H. Brodie
Science	Science	Science
Charles Edward Eaton	Ronald Bayes	Bob Timberlake
Literature	Literature	Fine Arts
William S. Lee	Maxine M. Swalin	Dean Wallace Colvard
Public Service	Public Service	Public Service
<b>David Brinkley</b>	Roy Park	Frank H. Kenan
Public Service	Public Service	Public Service
1991	1992	1993
William J. Brown	Louis D. Rubin, Jr.	John Hope Franklin
Fine Arts	Literature	Literature
Mary Ellen Jones	John M. J. Madey	Oliver Smithies
Science	Science	Science
Robert R. Morgan	William McWhorter Cochrane	Joe Cox
Literature	Public Service	Fine Arts
Jesse H. Meredith	Maxwell R. Thurman	Eric Schopler
Public Service	Public Service	Public Service
Elizabeth H. Dole	Charles R. "Chuck" Davis	Billy Taylor
Public Service	Fine Arts	Fine Arts
1994	1995	1996
Sarah Blakeslee	Banks C. Talley, Jr.	Robert W. Scott
Fine Arts	Public Service	Public Service
Richard Jenrette	John S. Mayo	Martha Clampitt McKay
Public Service	Science	Public Service
Elizabeth Spencer	John Biggers	John L. Sanders
Literature	Fine Arts	Public Service
Marshall Edgell	Clyde Hutchison III	Betty Adcock
Science	Science	Literature
<b>Freda Nicholson</b>	James Applewhite	Joseph S. Pagano
Public Service	Literature	Science
	Kenneth Noland Fine Arts	Joanne M. Bath Fine Arts
1997	1998	1999
Thomas S. Kenan III	L. Richardson Preyer	Frank Arthur Daniels, Jr.
Public Service	Public Service	Public Service
M. Mellanay Delhom	Emily Harris Preyer	Julia Jones Daniels
Fine Arts	Public Service	Public Service
Robert Ian Bruck	Kaye Gibbons	Knut Schmidt-Nielsen
Science	Literature	Science
Elna B. Spaulding	Robert W. Gray	Robert G. Parr
Public Service	Fine Arts	Science
Clyde Edgerton	Martin Rodbell	Allan Gurganus
Literature	Science	Literature
	Marvin Saltzman Fine Arts	Jill McCorkle Literature
	James V. Taylor Fine Arts	Frank L. Horton Fine Arts
		Herb Jackson Fine Arts
		General Henry H. Shelton Public Service

# 2000 NORTH CAROLINA AWARD RECIPIENTS

### PUBLIC SERVICE Harlan E. Boyles



Words such as "integrity," "dedication," and "good stewardship" are part of any description of Harlan E. Boyles, elected six times as North Carolina's State Treasurer. For a forty-six-year career spent skillfully managing the finances that underpin our state's current prosperity, Harlan E. Boyles receives the 2000 North Carolina Award in Public Service.

Born in 1929 to a farm couple in the Vale community of Lincoln County, Boyles intended to become a farmer himself until 1944. In June of that year a polio outbreak in the Catawba Valley led citizens of Hickory to create an emergency hospital. The third patient admitted, Boyles completed tenth grade via a correspondence course while hospitalized. He finished high school at Mary Martin Sloop's Crossnore School in Avery County. He went on to earn an accounting degree at the University of North Carolina in 1951.

The disease that closed the door to a life as a farmer opened the door to a life of public service. After graduation Boyles joined the North Carolina Department of Revenue as a tax auditor. As an advisor to the Tax Study Commission, Boyles crafted recommendations that led the General Assembly to change the tax code. These changes encouraged out-of-state businesses to relocate to North Carolina, paying the way for the growth of the Research Triangle Park and other developments. Boyles was appointed deputy treasurer in 1960 and served in that position for sixteen years, working closely with

then State Treasurer Edwin Gill

In 1976 Boyles ran successfully for the first of six terms as State Treasurer. During his tenure, Boyles has maintained a Triple-A credit rating for the state, one of the few in the nation to keep that rating, which saves millions in interest on bonds. His office manages the public trust funds totaling over \$68 billion dollars and administers the public employee retirement system. In his position as a member of the Council of State, he advises the governor on fiscal policy. His counsel is sought on every significant financial initiative, including the recent university bond package. In 1994 he published a book Keeper of the Public Purse, which outlines the history of public finance in the state.

Boyles also serves on a number of boards and commissions, among them the State Banking Com-mission, the State Board of Community Colleges, the North Carolina Art Society, and the Raleigh Salvation Army Advisory Board. He was instrumental in securing the site for the new North Carolina Museum of History building. His honors include the Distinguished Public Service Award from the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry; the President's Award from the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; the Public Official of the Year Award from Governing magazine; and three honorary degrees. Appalachian State University's Walker College of Business recently inaugurated a Distinguished CEO Lecture Series to honor Boyles. Congressman Howard Coble, who once ran against Boyles for State Treasurer, said, "Harlan Boyles is the epitome of what a public servant ought to be. He's always been energetic and thoroughly effective in his job.

Harlan Boyles lives in Raleigh with his wife Frankie. They have three children and five

grandchildren.

Although his background is in pure mathematics, William T. Fletcher realized years ago that using computers and applied math to solve real-world problems would be critical both in science education and in ensuring America had a workforce trained in tomorrow's skills. Among his most significant contributions have been encouraging women and minorities to study math and strengthening teachers' and students' math and computer skills. For his research and his commitment to mathematics and computer education, William T. Fletcher receives the 2000 North Carolina Award in Science.

Born in Durham, Fletcher entered North Carolina Central University (NCCU) intending to study business. But, the late Marjorie Lee Browne—one of the first African American women to earn a doctorate in math—awoke in him a fascination with mathematics. After earning a B.S. with high honors and an M.S. in mathematics at NCCU in 1956 and 1958, respectively, Fletcher earned a doctorate in mathematics at the University of Idaho in 1966.

An algebraist, William T. Fletcher has researched the development of structure theorems for associative and Lie algebras relative to their radicals. Currently he is working on a generalization of two known special cases of a theorem for Lie algebras of characteristic zero, which should contribute significantly toward bridging the gap in the known theory of two classes of algebra. The NCCU professor has said he sees mathematics as one of the greatest

art forms.

Fletcher's professional career began in 1957 at LeMoyne (today LeMoyne-Owen) College in Memphis, Tennessee, where he served as an assistant math professor until being named professor and chair of the NCCU mathematics department in 1972. Though trained by pure mathematicians, Fletcher decided he needed to learn more about applied math to better prepare his students for the dawning digital age. For ten summers, he worked for corporations, such as IBM and Western Electric, and government agencies, among them the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Agriculture, and Energy. He has studied mathematical applications at Columbia and Princeton Universities.

At NCCU, Fletcher instituted a B.S. degree in computer science, making the university one of North Carolina's first historically black colleges to offer this program. He also created a distinguished alumni lecture series, a learning center designed to improve students' performance in math courses, and a departmental speaker's bureau. He has led summer institutes for science and math teachers. Under Fletcher's leadership, he and his departmental colleagues have travelled across the state to public schools to talk about career opportunities in the mathematical sciences and to conduct hands-on

Fletcher has written articles for professional journals, given presentations at meetings and educational institutions, and holds membership in several fraternities. To honor his teacher Mariorie Lee

computer demonstrations.

tional institutions, and noise membership in several fraternities. To honor his teacher Marjorie Lee Browne, he established an annual scholarship for an outstanding math student at NCCU. He received the university's teacher of the year award in 1970. When asked why he did not leave teaching for more lucrative opportunities, Fletcher said he has always wanted to nurture, motivate, and inspire students—particularly minority and women students—to

succeed.

Since retiring from NCCU in 1997, William Fletcher has been actively involved in serving on boards and charitable organizations in his hometown of Durham.

### SCIENCE William T. Fletcher



### FINE ARTS S. Tucker Cooke



As a child in Newberry, Florida, S. Tucker Cooke was fascinated by the "chalk talks" at the Baptist church founded by his grandfather, where people taught Bible stories by illustrating them with simple line drawings on a chalkboard. The experience sparked his interest in a career that used his love of drawing as a way of communicating personal insights. For his work as an artist and a teacher, S. Tucker Cooke receives the 2000 North Carolina Award in Fine Arts.

Cooke earned a B.A. in art at Stetson University and an M.F.A. in printmaking and painting from the University of Georgia. He came to Asheville to teach in the fledgling art department at Asheville-Biltmore College in 1966. In 1969 the college became part of the University of North Carolina system and Cooke soon became the chair of the art department. In that role he instituted an innovative faculty

mentoring program.

For over thirty years he has continued to explore new media, recently studying sculpture and watercolor. The UNC-Asheville professor has produced a 
large body of work, which has been shown in 
galleries and juried exhibitions across the Southeast. 
His artworks range from paintings that juxtapose 
realistically rendered people and animals layered in 
dreamlike images to multimedia installations

combining sculpture and spoken words.
"It is interesting how important sight is, and how unimportant the development of learning to see' is in the education of children," says Cooke. "It would be unheard of for a student to not be given special attention if they could not read or write, but when students can't draw or see, it is assumed that they just don't have the talent for it. Art is as much about

hard work and learning as any other process."

Cooke's passion for teaching also extends to incorporating art into the community. He developed several art projects for St. Joseph's Hospital and the city of Asheville, allowing students the opportunity to create and produce a piece of public art. The Asheville Urban Trail is a 1.6 mile long walking trail within the original city limits that explores the city's history and architecture. Cooke has taken part in the design, commissioning, production, and installation of artworks incorporated into the trail

The Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, WorldVision Enterprise in New York, the Honolulu Academy of Arts, and the Gruenwald Center for the Graphic Arts in Los Angeles are among the collections that have pieces by Tucker Cooke. In North Carolina his work has been exhibited at Appalachian State University and Davidson College. Cooke has had solo exhibitions at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, Somerhill Gallery in Chapel Hill, the Roanoke Fine Arts Center in Virginia, and Stetson University, his alma mater in Florida. His awards includes the 1997 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching and the North Carolina Arts Council Purchase Award for the "Realism in North Carolina" juried exhibition at the Mint Museum of Art.

Asheville is rendered a far livelier and more stimulating environment for the contributions of S. Tucker Cooke.

Every reader of Tar Heel history has encountered the work of William S. Powell, dean of North Carolina historians. From major reference works to books and articles on topics as wide-ranging as the origin of the nickname "Tar Heels" and poetry dedicated to the Roanoke colonies, no other historian has done as much to tell the story of our state. For outstanding scholarship and a publishing career spanning six decades, William S. Powell receives the 2000 North Carolina Award in Literature.

Born in 1919 in Johnston County and raised in Statesville, Powell early demonstrated a love of history, sparked in part by his grandmother who told him stories of the Civil War. He attended Mitchell College for two years and then transferred to the University of North Carolina. After graduating in 1940, he entered the Army, where he served in military intelligence in the Pacific during World War II, rising to the rank of master sergeant. After the war, he returned to Chapel Hill to earn degrees in history and library science. A brief, chilly stint as a librarian at Yale University followed, but his native

state beckoned.

In 1948 Powell became a full-time research historian at the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. Three years later he returned to Chapel Hill as the assistant librarian of the North Carolina Collection. Promoted to curator in 1958, he helped build the premier research collection on the state's history. In 1973 he became professor of history at the university, teaching over 6,000 students before his retirement in 1986. He has volunteered his service on nearly every important historical board or association in the state, including the North Carolina Historical Commission (which he currently chairs), the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association, the 400th Anniversary Committee, the editorial board of the North Carolina Historical Review, and the Historical Society of North Carolina.

Powell's most important contributions are the basic reference volumes he has written and edited. the foundation works of any reference collection on North Carolina history. The North Carolina Gazetteer (1968) is a geographical dictionary, listing the names, founding date, and a snippet of history on every place of note in the state. The Dictionary of North Carolina Biography (1979-1996) spans six volumes and almost 4,000 biographies of people who made a significant contribution to North Carolina history. Over the course of thirty years, Powell collected and edited entries from volunteers, penning hundreds himself. His North Carolina Through Four Centuries (1989) is now a standard college textbook. The breadth and quantity of his writings are unmatched and include documentary volumes on the Regulators and William Tryon, an illustrated history of UNC, a biography of John Pory, and a history of Caswell County. Currently, Powell is editing *The Encyclopedia of North Carolina*, scheduled for publication in 2002, and an antebellum historical novel. The catalog at UNC. Chapel Hill lists 112 books and articles by Powell. Former UNC President William Friday observed, "He remains unchallenged as the most prolific living writer of North Carolina history.

William S. Powell and his wife Virginia, who has capably assisted on each of his research projects, live in Chapel Hill. They have three children and eleven

grandchildren.

### LITERATURE William S. Powell



### PUBLIC SERVICE **Henry Bowers**



As self-effacing as he is dedicated, Henry Bowers is the model civic leader. His devotion to the arts and humanities, ability to both lead and serve, and generous spirit have inspired all who have worked with him over the past half century. For his commitment to the state and the community, exemplified by his contributions toward improving the cultural climate through a host of organizations, Henry Bowers receives the 2000 North Carolina Award in Public Service.

Born in Tampa, Florida, Henry Bowers attended the University of North Carolina, graduating with a B.A. in American history in 1952. After two years in the Navy, he earned an M.A. in American history from Columbia University in 1956. Briefly an executive with Alcoa, Bowers joined North Carolina State University in 1957 as assistant director of student activities. He remained there until retiring as associate vice chancellor for student affairs in

1987

While at N.C. State, Bowers was instrumental in creating the Friends of the College and directing it for twenty-six years. The largest performing arts series of its kind in the country, the program sold as many as 19,000 subscriptions for a single season. Bowers also administered the student center, a crafts center and gallery, two theater programs, and a music program. Through his leadership, North Carolina State University, a land-grant institution, created a range of cultural programs envied by many liberal arts institutions.

After retiring Henry Bowers was named executive director of the Capital Area Arts Foundation in Raleigh in 1987. By the time he left in 1991, the foundation had become a leading advocate for arts education and the focal point for area artists and arts organizations, increasing communication between these organizations. After merging with the Wake County Arts Council, it was renamed the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County.

In 1964 Governor Terry Sanford appointed Henry Bowers to the original North Carolina Arts Council board; in 1972 he became its vice-chairman. Mary Regan, Arts Council executive director, calls Bowers "the unsung hero of North Carolina's public art support structure." During his tenure, Bowers played a leading role in creating the nationally acclaimed Visiting Artists program. He helped found the state's first lobbying group for the arts-Arts Advocates of North Carolina-and served on that organization's board, plus various panels of the National Endowment for the Arts.

From 1980 to 1986 Bowers was a member of the Southern Arts Federation board. In the early and mid-eighties he assisted in reorganizing the North Carolina Symphony. He has long been involved with the Mordecai Square Historical Society and volunteers his time with the new Raleigh City Museum. He has worked with the Raleigh's Community Learning Centers, which provide educational programs for young people in public housing.

ARTS NC STATE, the visual and performing arts

programs at North Carolina State University, created the Bowers Medal of Arts in May 2000. The medal will be given to individuals who have shown the vision, service, integrity, and commitment to the arts in the spirit of leadership provided by Henry Bowers.

Henry Bowers and his wife Sory live in Raleigh. They have two daughters, two sons, and four

grandchildren.

James F. Goodmon identifies himself upfront as a broadcaster but his interests, time, and resources extend to baseball, opera, early childhood education, and regional development. A man with a unique ability to look beyond the limitations of the moment, he consistently seeks better ways to do business and improve his state. For his ability to envision what might be, to surmount any obstacles, and to lead the state along the path to a brighter tomorrow, James F. Goodmon receives the 2000 North Carolina Award in Public Service.

Circumstances (his mother's vacation) led to his birth in 1943 in St. Petersburg, Florida, but Jim Goodmon was Tar Heel bred, here in Raleigh. After attending Duke University, he served in the Navy in the early 1960s and then took a job as operations manager for WRAL-TV in Raleigh, owned by Capitol Broadcasting Company. Over the years, he moved up the company's ranks, becoming president and

chief executive officer in 1979.

Throughout his tenure at Capitol Broadcasting, Goodmon has guided the growth of its radio and television holdings and steered the company into new technologies such as high definition television, satellite communications, and the internet. He has understood the potential for using these forms of communication to unite people in the region and across the state. His vision of regionalism led him to rally local leaders to build a new home for the Durham Bulls minor league baseball team. The classic brick stadium regularly draws capacity crowds from the entire Triangle and beyond. Durham and Triangle leaders have widely hailed his redevelopment plans for the American Tobacco property adjacent to the stadium.

In the spring of 2000 the A. J. Fletcher Foundation, which Goodmon guides as president, comitted ten million dollars to establish the A. J. Fletcher Opera Institute at the North Carolina School of the Arts. The Institute will be named for Goodmon's grandfather, Alfred Johnson Fletcher, whose commitment to opera led to the creation of the Grassroots Opera Company and the National Opera Company. Goodmon and his associates have taken a family legacy and enhanced it for the ages by providing outstanding training and extensive performance experience for generations to come. Goodmon's dedication to his profession and com-

Goodmon's dedication to his profession and community is wide-reaching. He is on the board of the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television, the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, and Communities in Schools. He is former board president of the North Carolina Partnership for Children, the organization supporting Governor Hunt's innovative Smart Start program. Widely respected for his business acumen and his philanthropic efforts, Goodmon has received numerous awards. In recognition of his achievements in advancing digital television, the industry magazine Broadcasting and Cable presented him with the DTV Pioneer Award in 1999. He received an honorary doctorate from Pfeiffer University.

"Being a leader is having a vision, and then working to make the hard decisions to make that vision come true," Goodmon has said. Such gutsy thinking defines this extraordinary, civic-spirited

businessman's concept of leadership.

Jim Goodmon makes his home in Raleigh with his wife Barbara. The couple has a daughter, two sons, and a grandson.

# PUBLIC SERVICE James F. Goodmon



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